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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT BANZER OF BOLIVIA TO ECUADOR

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT BANZER'S VISIT RECEIVED AMPLE PUBLICITY. THERE WERE MINOR STUDENT DISTURBANCES. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXCHANGED SPEECHES AT A DINNER AND SIGNED A JOINT DECLARATION. PRESIDENT BANZER HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE LEAVING. THE VISIT LACKED SUBSTANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. STUDENT DISTURBANCES: THERE WERE MINOR STUDENT PROTESTS AGAINST THE VISIT WHILE PRESIDENT BANZER WAS IN QUITO. SOME STUDENTS BLOCKED TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITY AND BROKE SOME OF THE WINDOWS OF THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR'S CAR WHICH WAS PASSING THROUGH THE AREA. THE AMBASSADOR WAS SLIGHTLY CUT BY THE GLASS. HOWEVER, REPORTS OF VIOLENCE CARRIED IN FBIS WERE GREATLY EXAGGERATED.

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3. THE DINNER SPEECHES: IN HIS REMARKS BANZER ASSERTED THAT ECUADOR'S PROGRESS TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT WAS STRONG. PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ DEFENDED THE POLITICAL ROLE OF THE MILITARY IN ECUADOR AND BOLIVIA SAYING THAT IT WAS MORE DEMOCRATIC AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE THAN THE RULE OF THE PRIVILEGED ELITES.

4. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE: THE TWO PRESIDENTS STATED IN THEIR JOINT STATEMENT THAT BOTH COUNTRIES SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLE OF ANDEAN INTEGRATION AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT INTEGRATION WOULD LEAD TO BALANCED, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT. THE STATEMENT ALSO REFERRED TO BOLIVIA'S LANDLOCKED SITUATION SAYING THAT A WAY MUST BE FOUND TO REDUCE BOLIVIA'S TRANSPORTATION COSTS. THE COMMUNIQUE CITED THE TRADITIONAL, FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN ECUADOR AND BOLIVIA AND BOTH COUNTRIES' SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF FULL EQUALITY, NON-INTERFERENCE AND RESPECT FOR EACH OTHERS' INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY. BOTH LEADERS REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE OAS. THEY CALLED FOR A JUST, SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION OF LATIN AMERICAN SOCIETY SO THAT NO INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL EXPLOITATION WOULD REMAIN. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF A LATIN AMERICAN ENERGY ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THAT FIELD. THEY STATED THAT THEY THOUGHT THAT THEIR NON-RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES SHOULD NOT ONLY RECEIVE FAIR PRICES BUT ALSO GAIN THE BEST CONDITIONS OBTAINABLE FOR THEIR COUNTRIES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND MARKET STABILITY. FINALLY THEY AGREED THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN MULTINATIONAL COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS, WHETHER MEMBERS OF GATT OR NOT, WOULD PERMIT THEM TO IMPROVE THEIR TERMS OF TRADE.

5. BANZER'S PRESS CONFERENCE: IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT BANZER ANNOUNCED THAT UPON HIS RETURN TO BOLIVIA HE WOULD TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE COMMERCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WITH RESPECT TO INTERNAL BOLIVIAN POLITICS, BANZER SAID THAT ALL POLITICAL PARTIES WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD ACCEPT THE ELECTORAL LAW COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE 1974 ELECTIONS. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD GRANT AMNESTY TO BOLIVIANS ABROAD BUT THAT THIS DID NOT INCLUDE THOSE WHO HAVE CHARGES PENDING AGAINST THEM UNDER ORDINARY BOLIVIAN LAW. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ABOUT RELATIONS WITH CUBA, BANZER REPLIED THAT BOLIVIAN RELATIONS WITH CUBA DEPEND EXCLUSIVELY ON CUBAN BEHAVIOR AND NON-INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS. PRESIDENT BANZER REAFFIRMED

THE DESIRE OF BOLIVIA TO REGAIN ITS ACCESS TO THE SEA  
AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT INTERNATIONAL  
JUSTICE AND NEGOTIATIONS WOULD MAKE THIS WISH REAL  
EVENTUALLY. REPLYING TO A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT  
BOLIVIA WOULD SELL ECUADOR CRUDE OIL TO BE USED IN  
ECUADOR'S COASTAL REFINERIES, BANZER REPLIED THAT THIS  
MATTER HAD ONLY BEEN TOUCHED ON TANGENTIALLY IN HIS  
CONVERSATIONS AND THAT IT WOULD BE STUDIED FURTHER.  
WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE HEGEMONIC AMBITIONS OF SOME COUNTRIES  
IN SOUTH AMERICA, BANZER SAID THAT HE HAD NOT NOTICED  
SUCH A THING AND THAT COUNTRIES HAD THE RIGHT TO SIGN  
TREATIES AS NECESSARY.

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6. COMMENT: THE VISIT RESULTED IN THE RESTATEMENT OF  
FAMILIAR POSITIONS AND HAD LITTLE SUBSTANCE TO IT.  
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